



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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# SYNOPSIS

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007  
5:00 p.m.**

**City Hall  
Room W-120  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

MARK SWINEFORD

### **1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Chair Richardson, Commissioners Harding, Flaughner, Hamilton and Matsushima

Late: None

Absent: Commissioners Ruiz, Kim, Swineford and Smith

### **2 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Chair Richardson noted a discrepancy on the agenda for this evening's Commission meeting and the COC meeting. The Commission agenda has a 6:00 P.M. start time for the COC meeting while the COC agenda has a start time of 5:15 P.M. Chair Richardson paused the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 5:15 P.M. and asked if any members of the public were present for the COC. With none present, the COC began at 6:00 P.M.

Item 6.1 was taken out of order and heard after item 7.1.

### **3 CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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## **4 ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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## **5 CONSENT CALENDAR**

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### **5.1 Approval of Synopsis for November 7, 2007 Meeting**

Commissioner Hamilton noted an error on the last page of the Synopsis for November 7, 2007. The date of the next Commission meeting should be December 5, 2007.

### **5.2 Cancellation of January 2, 2007 Meeting**

### **5.3 Update on Greenprint Status**

### **5.4 Set a Public Hearing on January 16, 2008, for the Naming of a New park Located at the Intersection of Falls Creek Drive and Batten Way**

**It was moved by Commissioner Matsushima, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.**

## **6 PUBLIC HEARING**

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### **6.1 Public Hearing on Naming and Approval of Master Plan of New Turnkey Park Located at 139 Fleming Ave. – Deferred from November 7, 2007**

Evelyn Velez-Rosario, Parks Manager, presented this item. The Master Plan was already approved by the Commission and went to City Council on December 4, 2007, so this item is a Public Hearing on Naming only. There were no nominations from the Public submitted so the name of the street will be used by default. This practice will be incorporated into the naming policy which staff will present to the Commission in February.

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and voted unanimously that the park located at 139 Fleming Ave. be named Fleming Park.**

## **7 ACTION ITEMS**

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### **7.1 Review of Planning Applications**

Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager, reported on planning applications submitted to the Planning Department for projects of 51 or more residential units for the period from November 1 through November 29, 2007.

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and voted unanimously that the report be Accepted.**

## **8 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Julie Edmonds-Mares, Assistant Director, reported on three items: First, she stated that the recruitment for a Deputy Director was now underway. Interviews will take place in the early part of the new calendar year. She requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission nominate a Commissioner to participate on the interview panel. Secondly, she noted that the next Full-Funding meeting, which will include the Neighborhood Associations and the Youth Commission, is scheduled for January 19, 2008. For the third item, Ms. Edmonds-Mares reported on the Sunshine Reforms Committee's recommendation that Council, Committee and Commission meeting packets be distributed and/or posted 7 days prior to the meeting. She noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission was already following this practice.

## **9 LIAISON REPORTS**

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### **9.1 Council Liaison**

No report.

### **9.2 Coyote Valley Task Force**

Dave Mitchell reported the City will re-circulate a new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and recommended the Commission review it and submit comments. Staff anticipates this process to continue through 2008 with a final recommendation going to Council in 2009. The Task Force is still discussing the issue of appointing Helen Chapman as a representative.

### **9.3 Senior Citizens Commission**

No report.

### **9.4 Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report**

Dave Mitchell reported that City of San Jose Construction and Conveyance Tax is low compared to other cities. He noted that voters can increase the collection amount.

### **9.5 Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report**

No report.

### **9.6 Youth Commission**

No report.

### **9.7 Community Sports Fields Study Committee**

Chair Richardson noted that the last meeting of the year will take place on Monday, December 10, 2007.

9.8 General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton reported the last meeting was dedicated to the Mayor's Green Vision, including trails and energy conservation. She noted the next meeting will be on December 17, 2007.

9.9 Sunshine Reform Task Force

No report.

9.10 Greenprint Subcommittee

No report.

## **10 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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10.1 Presentation on Amendment to Aborn Park MP to Include a Play Lot

Michael Wharton, Assistant Landscape Architect, gave a presentation on the proposed play lot at Aborn Park.

Commissioners Hamilton and Matsushima expressed the importance of wheelchair accessibility.

Mr. Wharton stated that the play lot would meet ADA requirements and that a ramp and activities for children in wheelchairs would be part of the design. He noted that the Master Plan will return to the January 16, 2007 Development meeting for approval.

10.2 Commissioner News Items

Commissioner Hamilton congratulated Commissioner Matsushima for her successful efforts to obtain funds for the purchase and installation of special adaptive swings in City parks.

Commissioner Harding reported that a constituent spoke to the Mayor during a radio talk show and the Mayor indicated that a possible Cricket Field site had been identified on North First Street. Staff has clarified that use of this site is still 3 years away. Commissioner Harding requested that a temporary site be identified in the meantime.

Chair Richardson congratulated Commissioner Hamilton on her appointment as Executive Director of the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens.

10.3 Future Agenda Items

The Commission added the following Future Agenda Items:

- A Discussion of Smoking Ordinance (and Commission's failure to schedule a vote); to be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007.
- Nomination of a Commissioner to participate in Deputy Director interviews.

- Update on the status of fee reductions on downtown residential items (is the program successful?)
- Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Study Session.

## **11 CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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The Parks and Recreation Commission was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened as the Citizen Oversight Committee at 6:02 p.m.

## **12 CORRESPONDENCE**

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## **13 ADJOURNMENT**

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The Citizen Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2008.